



SYDNEY HARBOUR WOMEN'S KEELBOAT SERIES

Notice of Race

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA // SEPTEMBER 2023 - MARCH 2024



1 INVITATION

An invitation is extended to owners of eligible boats to enter this series to be sailed on Sydney Harbour, comprising of five pointscore races. The Organising Authority is the Cruising Yacht Club of Australia, Middle Harbour Yacht Club, Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, Royal Australian Navy Sailing Association and Manly Yacht Club in respect of the series; in respect of a race conducted by a particular club as specified in NoR 2, the club conducting the race is the Organising Authority.

2 THE RACES

DATE	RACE	WARNING SIGNAL	CLUB
24 September 2023	Race 1	1225 hrs	MHYC
29 October 2023	Race 2	1225 hrs	CYCA
12 November 2023	Race 3	1225 hrs	RSYS
18 February 2024	Race 4	1225 hrs	RANSA
24 March 2024	Race 5	1225 hrs	MYC Women's Challenge

3 DIVISIONS

- 3.1 Racing will be conducted in divisions appropriate to the number of entries received.
- 3.2 Separate pointscores will be conducted for yachts entered with a full female crew and for yachts entered with a female skipper and mixed crew.
- 3.3 If an appropriate number of entries is received, a separate pointscore will be conducted for J24 yachts entered.

4 RULES

- 4.1 All races will be governed by the current versions of:
 - the rules, as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 - 2024 ("RRS") of World Sailing;
 - the prescriptions and special regulations of Australian Sailing ("Special Regulations")
- 4.2 Sailing instructions will be available for download from any of the participating clubs' websites after 1200 hours on 19 September 2023.
- 4.3 Each of the host clubs will provide an Appendix to the Sailing Instructions outlining the specific race area for the day including course and mark descriptions.
- 4.4 The Sailing Managers of each host club will be the Race Committee for the purposes of and with the powers and discretions contained in RRS 90.1.
- 4.5 Changes to the RRS:
 - RRS 51: Boats with movable or variable ballast (within the meaning of those terms in the Special Regulations) may move that ballast for the purpose of changing trim or stability.
 - RRS 52: RRS 52 is changed to: the rotation of a boat's rudder shall be adjusted and operated only by the power provided by the crew.

5 COURSES

The courses shall be Harbour passage courses and shall be as detailed in the Sydney Harbour Women's Keelboat Series 2023-24 Sailing Instructions.

6 ADVERTISING

Advertising on a boat shall comply with the requirements of World Sailing Regulation 20 (World Sailing Advertising Code).

7 HANDICAPS / SCORING

- 7.1 PHS race results will be calculated by the application of a Time Correction Factor ("TCF") as a multiplier of the boat's elapsed time. A boat's TCF may be adjusted after each race.
- 7.2 The series will consist of five races with one discard.
- 7.3 A boat shall enter by Race 2 to be eligible for the Series Pointscore.

8 ELIGIBILITY

- 8.1 The races are open to single hulled boats only.
- 8.2 A boat shall have a LOA of not less than 6.0 metres.
- 8.3 A boat shall comply with the Special Regulations Part 1 for Race Category 7 except that trailable boats shall comply with Category 6. A completed Special Regulations Equipment Audit Form for the relevant Category (or higher) shall accompany the entry.
- 8.4 A boat requiring an equipment audit should make a booking with the Sailing Office of a host Club.
- 8.5 The owner or charterer of a boat entered in a race shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the boat current when racing, with a sum insured of not less than A\$10 million.
- 8.6 A decision of the Race Committee as to whether a boat meets the eligibility criteria is final and binding and will not be grounds for a request for redress.

9 TROPHIES AND PRIZEGIVINGS

Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third places in the Series Pointscore in each Division. The pointscore series is only open to block entries. The pointscore prizegiving will be held at RANSA on 24 April 2024.

10 RESULTS AND LIST OF ENTRIES

Results and weekly entry lists (with start times) will be emailed to skippers. Copies may be picked up from the relevant Host Club Sailing Office. Results will also be published on the Host Club's websites.

11 ENTRY & ENTRY FEES

- 11.1 \$260 Block Entry, or \$60 per race (in each case including GST). Entries shall be completed online by 1200 hours on the Thursday prior to each race.
- 11.2 Eligible boats shall enter online here: <https://app.sailsys.com.au/club/27/profile?tab=entry>
- 11.3 Where either a block entry or an individual entry for the race conducted by CYCA is made, the entry is not complete until CYCA receives its Conditions of Entry (available online at cyca.com.au) signed by the owner or charterer.